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In re Appln. of: Mitsuhiro TOMINAGA

Appln. No.: 10/792,343

Filed: March 3, 2004

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Attorney Docket No: 12401/3

Examiner: HAWKINS, Cheryl N.

Art Unit: 1734

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant hereby cites the following references:

DOCUMENT NUMBER Number-Kind Code (if known)	DATE	NAME
5,430,904	07/11/1995	Ono et al.
5,759,341	06/02/1998	Kobayashi
2004/0238677 A1	12/02/2004	Tominaga

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Reference B1 and B2 were cited in a Notice of Allowance issued in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/488,632 filed on March 3, 2004 and assigned to the assignee of the present application. The Notice of Allowance was mailed to Applicant on December 3, 2004. Applicant is also disclosing the '632 application in this Statement as reference B3.

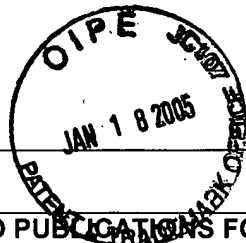
Applicant hereby certifies pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2) that none of references B1 and B2 listed in this Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Accordingly, Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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